



New Mexico Revised Nutrient Technical Direction , TO 79, Task 5

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Katharine -

Based on our conversation with you Thursday, July 19, 2012, with the State (NMED) and Tetra Tech staff members, I've updated the Technical Direction (TD), to reflect work that can reasonably be completed within the time constraint of the reported November 30, 2012 Task Order (TO) end date. As you will see in the revised TD, there are now three (3) tasks of which task 1 speaks to the development of a QAPP. This was a topic of discussion during the conference call in which you were to investigate further as to the need. However, based on my knowledge of EPA policy (see EPA CIO 2105.0 available at <http://www.epa.gov/irmpoli8/policies/21050.pdf>) regarding the collection of secondary data (reflected in tasks 2 and 3), a QAPP is required and a certification required for any (TO) attesting to whether the TO involves data collection and if so, does the statement of work include the development of a QAPP. The QAPP development should require minimal effort and time by the contractor and should be included as part of the TD unless you instruct otherwise.

Task 2 has been rephrased to include a proof-of-concept which requires the contractor to (i.e., demonstration in principle or proof-of-concept) to verify whether the concepts outlined in the development approach has the potential of being used. The proof-of-concept is intended to be small and may or may not be complete.

Task 3, was included, but based on the available hours, may be limited to the development of the data base framework to be fully populated at some future date as regional, RARE, and/or RMI monies become available.



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NMED has been provided a copy of the revised TD and has concurred.

Cheers

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"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory or defeat." ~ Theodore Roosevelt

"...and 'tis our fast [first] intent to shake all cares and business from our age [of our state]; Conferring them on younger strengths, while we unburden'd crawl toward death..." ~ William Shakespeare's King Lear,

Act I

"In every free and deliberating society, there must, from the nature of man, be opposite parties and...dissensions and discords;..." ~ Thomas Jefferson, 1798